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For: OPTICAL PICKUP APPARATUS AND  
OPTICAL DISK APPARATUS

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 12 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.